



# Education Grant Guidelines and Criteria

**Who Can Apply?** The Diocese of Erie (Departments); Catholic Parishes and Catholic Schools in the diocese

Grants are available for funding towards religious education projects and ministry training/spiritual formation opportunities that benefit people within the 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie. Projects must fit at least one of the following four categories:

- 🔥 Diocesan-wide scholarship and tuition-assistance programs (applicants limited to the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Erie)
- 🔥 Religious education and faith formation projects
- 🔥 Technology and related training for parish faith formation programs and for Catholic schools  
Please Note: Two (2) bids/proposals are required when applying for technology funding.
- 🔥 Lay ministry education, training and worship formation opportunities including education toward obtaining professional ministry certifications, attending workshops, conferences and spiritual formation opportunities.

### Priority is given to:

- 🔥 Projects that reach a wide audience or are collaborative across parishes or schools
- 🔥 New or creative projects
- 🔥 Projects with multiple funding sources
- 🔥 Projects that are compatible with diocesan priorities

*The maximum grant amount is \$30,000. (excluding diocesan-wide scholarship and tuition assistance programs)*

### 2020 Spring Education Grant Cycle



### 2020 Fall Education Grant Cycle



### Requirements

- 🔥 Pastor, school principal/president, or diocesan department supervisor must be aware of the grant request and have given their approval by signing the project endorsement form included in the application.
- 🔥 Funds are released to the parish, school or diocese only with an executed grant agreement on file at the Foundation

### Funding will not be considered for:

- 🔥 Existing staff salaries
- 🔥 Emergency grants
- 🔥 Funding a multi-year advanced degree program
- 🔥 Individuals not affiliated with a parish, school, or department of the Diocese of Erie
- 🔥 Faith formation/education projects not affiliated with a parish, school, or department of the Diocese of Erie
- 🔥 Anything completed, purchased, or accomplished prior to date grants are awarded
- 🔥 Individual tuition assistance

*\*\*This is not an exhaustive list. Catholic Foundation staff, grant committee, and Board of Directors will determine inclusions and exclusions.*

### How to Apply

Applications are accepted online through the Catholic Foundation website: [www.mycatholicfoundation.org](http://www.mycatholicfoundation.org).

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